(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what special measures Government propose to take to check this disease?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (a) Survey for active case detection as well as self-reporting of cases is in-built in the Programme. Of 3.96 million estimated leprosy cases in the country, 3.27 million cases have been on record as on 31-3-85. 201 districts have a prevalance rate of 5 and above per thousand population.

(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Measures taken/proposed to be taken to check leprosy are as under:—

(1) Leprosy has been included in 20 Point Programme of the Government of India and is being implemented as 100 per cent Centrally sponsored scheme;

(2) By the end of 7th Plan, it is proposed to provide infrastructure in all 201 highly endemic districts with prevalence rate of 5 per thousand population,

(3) In 76 hyper endemic districts with prevalence rate of 10 and above per thousand population Multi-drug Treatment would be introduced within 7th Plan period. Multi-drug Treatment is also proposed to be given to all dapsone refractory cases in other districts;

(4) Health education measures will be intensified to remove ignorance about the disease causation;

(5) Voluntary organisations are actively involved in the implementation of the Programme both by setting up Survey, Education and Treatment (SET) centres, training and rehabilitation of deformed leprosy patients.

SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: I want to know from the hon. Minister whether it is not a fact that leprosy is, indeed, a major health and socio-economic problem in the country, which causes physical deformity and prevents the patient from normal Vocational life, and whether the Government is having the correct figure of such leprosy cases. If so, what is the number of such cases and what steps are being taken to provide help at the doors of such people.

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR: There are, as estimated, 3.96 million cases of leprosy in the country, out of which 3.27 million cases have been on record.

The national leprosy eradication programme has set up an infrastructure in all the endemic and highly-endemic districts of the country. Every leprosy case which is reported is being given treatment.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Kidwai Memorial Institute in Karnataka

*222. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sometime during October, 1984, the Chief Minister of Karnataka had urged the Central Government to help the development of Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology into a model comprehensive cancer centre;

(b) whether the State Government has urged the Central Government to sanction grant-in-aid of Rupee 50 lakhs for the purchase of liner accelerator and stimulator, sometime in the October, 1984.

(c) whether the Central Government have sanctioned any grant-in-aid for the purpose; and

(d) if so, what is the amount of grant-in-aid sanctioned during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) The letter dated the 5th October, 1984 from the Chief Minister of Karnataka

had lauded the fruitful collaboration existing between the Union Government and the State Government which had led to the emergence of the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology into a medel comprehensive cancer centre and had requested for an additional grant-in-aid of Rs. 50 lakhs for the purchase of a Linear Accelerator and Stimulator.

(c) and (d) In addition to Rs. 25 lakhs granted for the purpose in 1983-84, Government of India sanctioned Rs. 35 lakhs in 1984-85 and Rs. 25 lakhs in 1985-86 bringing the total amount sanctioned to Rs. 85 lakhs against the estimated cost of Rs. 130 lakhs.

Procurement of Dornier Aircraft by the Vayudoot

*226. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Dornier aircraft have been procured so far by the Vayudoot and how many have been put in operation;

(b) what are the new stations to be connected by the Dornier aircraft particularly in the North-East region; and

(c) which airport of the country is likely to be the base for the Dornier aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) All the five Dornier aircraft so far acquired by Vayudoot have been put into operation.

(b) Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure and economic viability of operations, Viyudoot has plans to airlink *inter alia* the following stations in the North-East region:

Agartala Aijwal, Lilabari, Zero: Daporijo, Dibrugarh and Passighat.

(c) While the five Dorniers already in the fleet of Vayudoot the based at Bombay (1), Calcutta (1), Delhi (2) and Hyderabad (1), the base of the other Dorniers will be decided taking into account the operational requirements.

Supply of "Killer" Glucose to Punjab from a Black Listed Pharmaceutical Factory

*229. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pharmaceutical factory, though blacklisted twice, got the contract for supply of "Killer" glucose to Punjab;

(b) whether it is a fact that this firm, because of its connections with some VIPs, has been getting the contract under different names for supply of glucose and every time it was black-listed; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof asd the reasons for giving the contract to the same firm responsible for supply spurious glucose which resulted in the death of many persons?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Railway Wagons

*230. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of wagons with Railways is declining;

(b) how many wagons were required in 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 and how many were available;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been a cut in purchase of wagons; and

(d) if so what steps are being taken to remedy the situation?